

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the claims of Group I; i.e., claims 1 through 13 and 34. Those claims directed to the patentably distinct inventions of Claim Groups II and III have been cancelled, but cancellation has been effected without prejudice to the applicants' rights under 35 USC §121.

The preamble for claims 7 through 10 has been amended so as to be commensurate with claim 1 from which such claims ultimately depend.

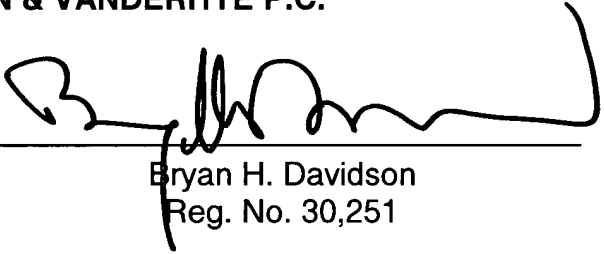
New claims 37-40 have been added to include generally the subject matter of now cancelled claims 35 and 36, but which conform to the expressions of claim 1 from which such new claims depend.

An action based on the merits of claims 1 through 13, 34, and 37-40 is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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7. (Amended) A [woven] non-woven mat as recited in claim 4 wherein at least 85% of said fibers in said fiber bundles are selected from said group.

8. (Amended) A [woven] non-woven mat as recited in claim 1 wherein at least 85% of said fibers in said fiber bundles have a length of between about 7-50 mm.

9. (Amended) A [woven] non-woven mat as recited in claim 1 wherein said mat has a density of between about 50-900 g/m².

10. (Amended) A [woven] non-woven mat as recited in claim 1 wherein at least 85% of said fibers in said fiber bundles have between 10-450 fibers/bundle and a length substantially the same as the length of said fiber bundle, and a diameter between about 7-35 microns; and wherein the sizing is epoxy resin or PVOH.